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Social Studies 9 Story 1: The Land and Its People

1A Physical Regions

Reference:

Cranny, Michael. "Chapter 6: Regional Geography of North America". *Crossroads: A Meeting of Nations*. Toronto: Pearson Canada. 1998. Print.

Questions:

Answer the following questions based on the chapter introduction (pp 161-162). If you need more space, use your own paper or the back of your printout.

1. How were the coastal mountains along the West Coast formed? Are they fold mountains or volcanic mountains?
2. How was the Canadian Shield formed? What kind of mountains were they?
3. How were the Rocky Mountains formed? What kind of mountains are they?
4. How has glaciation affected the landscape of Canada?

Definitions:

Define the following terms from p. 162. The first one has been done for you. Be sure that you use your own words—definitions will not help you understand the material if you don't understand the definitions!

- a) physiographic – related to common features of plants, animals, land forms and climate found in a particular area.
- b) erode
- c) plate tectonics
- d) region
- e) topography
- f) vegetation
- g) climate

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Chart:

Complete the following chart with information summarized from pp 164-179 in your text. The chart text here should be a summary of your personal Cornell notes on the topics. The first region's notes are done for you. Notice that each box contains only important facts and may be in point form.

Region	Characteristics
Appalachian Region	Description: Mountainous area on East Coast from Newfoundland to Southern USA
	Topography: old, low, eroded mountains. Some fertile plateaus and river valleys. Coal, oil and gas found in sedimentary layers (rocks made of eroded material)
	Climate: affected by 2 ocean currents—Labrador brings cold water & weather from north; Gulf Stream brings warm water & weather from south along coast (ideal conditions for fish)
	Vegetation: mix of coniferous (evergreens with cones) and deciduous (lose their leaves) trees on poor, thin mountain soil and rich valley soil.
Region	Characteristics
Coastal Plains Region	Description:
	Topography:
	Climate:
	Vegetation:
Region	Characteristics
Great Lakes – St. Lawrence Lowland Region	Description:
	Topography:
	Climate:
	Vegetation:

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Region	Characteristics
Interior Plains Region	Description:
	Topography:
	Climate:
	Vegetation:
Region	Characteristics
Canadian Shield Region	Description:
	Topography:
	Climate:
	Vegetation:
Region	Characteristics
Western Cordillera Region	Description:
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Intermountain Region	Description:
	Topography:
	Climate:
	Vegetation:
Region	Characteristics
Arctic Region	Description:
	Topography:
	Climate:
	Vegetation: